(c) whether in the past any important person has been offloaded in this manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. A Bahrain bound passenger on Air India Express flight IX243 on 29.03.2008 was not allowed to board the aircraft by the Captain as he arrived late for boarding.

(b) The matter has been investigated and all cocnerned have been advised to be more customer friendly ensuring that there are no unnecessary delays to the flights.

(c) As far as NACIL's is concerned, there has been no such incident reported at Mumbai airport.

Bird menace at runways

4164. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the accidents due to coming of birds on the runway has been increasing day by day;

(b) if so, the number of such incidents during the last three years; and

(c) what are the steps Government is taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There was no aircraft accident during the last three years due to bird hits. However, 189, 167 and 217 bird hit incidents were reported during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 respectively.

(c) Airfield Environment Management Committees have been constituted at those airports where scheduled flights operate to identify the source of bird attraction and take remedial steps for prevention of such incidents. Various specific steps such as proper disposal of garbage, prevention of water logging. coverage of garbage bins, establishment of modern abattoirs scaring of birds etc. have also been taken to reduce the incidence of bird hits.

Aviation projects in States

4165. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of civil aviation schemes run in States during the current five year plan as on date;

(b) the progress made under it till date;

(c) whether work on these schemes is progressing keeping with the schedule;

(d) if so, the amount incurred thereon as on date; and

(e) the total amount sanctioned for these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (e) List of major schemes undertaken by Airports Authority of